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VICE-PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL IN CANBERRA

THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING NOTICE DATED APRIL 26 FROM THE
OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER CONCERNING CUSTOMS, QUARANTINE AND
IMMIGRATION FORMALITIES ON THE ARRIVAL OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT IN
CANBERRA ON MAY 7.

BEGIN QUOTE

CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION

IT IS THE PRACTICE FOR ALL CUSTOMS FORMALITIES TO BE WAIVED AND EVERY
COURTESY IS EXTENDED TO THE PARTY ON ARRIVAL. A CUSTOMS OFFICER, ON
BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND ETHNIC AFFAIRS, CHECKS THE

PASSENGER/CREW MANIFEST. IT WOULD, HOWEVER, BE HELPFUL IF ONE MEMBER
OF THE INCOMING PARTY WOULD HAVE AVAILABLE ALL PASSPORTS ON ARRIVAL.

QUARANTINE

IT IS THE WISH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH THAT THE ARRIVAL OF
DISTINGUISH PERSONS SHOULD BE ATTENDED BY A MINIMUM OF INCONVENIENCE
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WHILE ENSURING AT THE SAME TIME THAT THE REQUIREMENTS OF
QUARANTINE ARE MET.
QUARANTINE PROCEDURES ARE AS FOLLOWS:
(1) DISINFECTION OF THE AIRCRAFT INTERIOR CARRIED OUT
IMMEDIATELY ON ARRIVAL AT THE FIRST PORT OF ENTRY AND BEFORE
PASSENGERS ALIGHT. DISINFECTION OF CARGO HOLDS IS ALSO A
REQUIREMENT.

(2) THE CAPTAIN OF THE AIRCRAFT IS TO PROVIDE A GENERAL QUARANTINE DECLARATION PLUS A LIST OF THE NAMES OF THE CREW AND PASSENGERS ON BOARD THE AIRCRAFT. IF THERE ARE ANY PASSENGERS ON BOARD THE AIRCRAFT WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY, A LIST OF THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES IN AUSTRALIA IS ALSO REQUIRED.

(3) A VALID INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION AGAINST YELLOW FEVER IS REQUIRED FOR ANYONE WHO HAS BEEN IN CENTRAL AFRICA OR CENTRAL AMERICA WITHIN SIX DAYS OF ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA.

(4) IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL IF A MEMBER OF THE INCOMING PARTY WAS DESIGNATED TO PRESENT FOR INSPECTION BY THE QUARANTINE OFFICERS AT THE ARRIVAL AN ITEMS THAT MAY BE QUARANTINEABLE. LIVE ANIMALS, INCLUDING BIRDS, ARE PROHIBITED FROM ENTRY INTO AUSTRALIA BY AIR. IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MAY NOT BE IMPORTED:

(1) MEAT OR PRODUCTS CONTAINING MEAT WHETHER CANNED OR UNCANNED.

(2) MILK,BUTTER, EGGS INCLUDING EGG NOODLES CANNED OR UNCANNED.

(3) ARTICLES INCLUDING RAW HIDE, E.G. RAW HIDE DRUMS.

(4) HIDES AND SKINS UNLESS FULLY TANNED.

(5) FRESH FRUIT

(6) FRESH VEGETABLES

(7) PROPAGATABLE PLANT MATERIAL INCLUDING FLOWERS WHICH HAVE PROPAGATABLE PARTS.

(8) SEEDS

(9) STRAW AND STRAW PACKING

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ARTICLES SUCH AS ARTIFACTS CONTAINING WOOD, BAMBOO OR RATTAN CANE MAY BE IMPORTED BUT MAY REQUIRE TREATMENT BEFORE RELEASE. WEEDEN CASES MAY BE IMPORTED BUT ARE INSPECTED AND TREATED IF NECESSARY. CUT FLOWERS INCLUDING ORCHID BLOOMS MAY BE IMPORTED BUT ARE SUBJECT TO INSPECTION AND TREATMENT AGAINST INSECTS IF NECESSARY.

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES MAY BE IMPORTED:

(1) CONFECTIONERY INCLUDING NUTS OTHER THAN WALNUTS

(2) BREAD, CAKE AND BISCUITS

(3) BEVERAGES.

END QUOTE.

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